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Andrea Syglowski and Chris Kipiniak sizzle in the Huntington Theatre Company's production of David Ives' "Venus in Fur," the sexually charged story of an aspiring thespian and her director. / T. CHARLES ERICKSON

Transgender inmate to DOC: It's time to get my sex change

Make it happen. After an appeals court judge recently ruled that the state must pay for convicted murderer Michelle Kosilek's gender reassignment surgery, her lawyers want the Department of Correction to start making plans for the operation. **All in good time.** The DOC says it is still reviewing the judge's ruling and is not sure whether it will seek another appeal. PAGE 02

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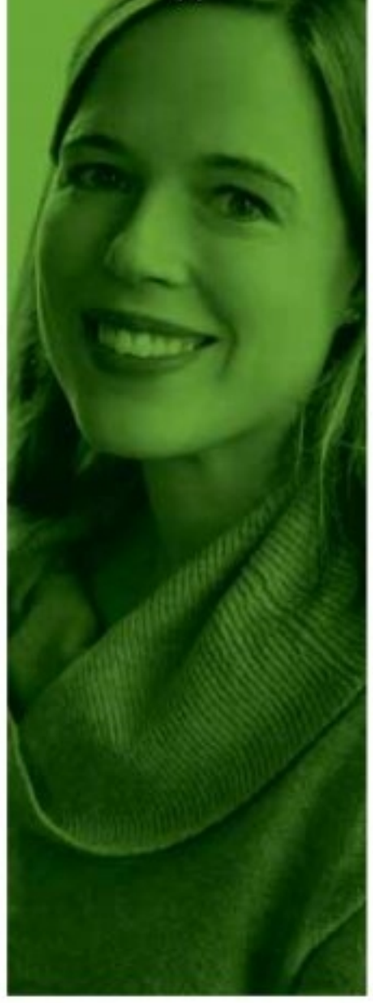
In charge

Metro names new editor-in-chief

A face you have been familiar with for 10 years in the pages of Metro is now your new editor-in-chief. "The official move of Dorothy Robinson to the helm of Metro has been a long time coming," Yggers Mortensen, Metro US Publisher and CEO commented. "She has been an absolute rock star in the wake of the late and much missed Tony Metcalf." Metcalf, Metro's editor-in-chief for more than five years, died in July 2013. "I look forward to watching Dorothy's contribution to the company in her new leadership position."



Kosilek: State must do more for my sex change operation

Transgender inmate. Murderer's lawyers want to know if the state is ready to provide gender reassignment surgery.

Lawyers for Michelle Kosilek, the transgender inmate who killed her wife in 1990, are urging a federal judge to assess the readiness of the state to provide Kosilek with a sex change, now that an appeals court has upheld the decision.

In documents filed on Monday, Kosilek's lawyers asked the court to schedule a status conference so that the plan to provide the sex change operation can be discussed. Lawyers said they believe the state Department of Correction is not doing enough to prepare for the court-ordered, taxpayer-funded gender reassignment surgery.

"Such an assessment will show that defendant has violated the spirit, if not the terms, of the court's orders. Sixteen months has passed since the court's decision."

Yet the defendant is not close to being ready to provide Kosilek's surgery due to a clear lack of urgency in taking the actions reasonably necessary to do so," Kosilek's lawyers wrote in their filing.

Quoted

"The defendant is not close to being ready to provide Kosilek's surgery due to a clear lack of urgency in taking the actions reasonably necessary to do so."

Michelle Kosilek's lawyers said in a court filing.

A spokeswoman for the Department of Correction said on Tuesday that the agency is still reviewing the appeals court ruling before it decides whether to seek a further appeal.

A federal appeals court judge decided earlier this month to uphold the lower court's 2012 decision that the state must provide Kosilek with the surgery.

The surgery was put on hold while the state appealed the decision, but Judge Mark Wolf ordered that the state provide periodic updates on how it is preparing to provide the surgery should the appeals fail.

Kosilek, who was born Robert, sued the DOC in federal court for not providing her with a sex change and claimed it violated her Eighth Amendment rights.

Wolf issued a divisive ruling in which he sided with Kosilek, saying she suffered from a mental illness that must be treated.

Kosilek is serving a life sentence after being convicted of killing her wife, Cheryl, in Mansfield in 1990.

In his updates to the court, DOC Commissioner Luis Spencer has said the agency has identified an out-of-state surgeon willing to do the surgery, but the physician must be licensed in Massachusetts.

Kosilek's lawyers said there are other steps the agency can take.

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Suspicious package forces shuttle buses on the Red Line

A suspicious package on the tracks at Davis Square Station temporarily shut down a portion of the MBTA Tuesday morning. The Red Line inbound between Harvard and Alewife stations was closed after a brown paper bag with tape wrapped around it was reported at 11:15 a.m. Passengers were bused while Transit Police examined the package, which was determined to be safe. Service resumed around noon. / NICOLAUS CZARNECKI, METRO

Daring rescue

Lawrence cop, fireman rescue 300-pound man from blaze

A Lawrence police officer and fireman are being credited with saving the life of a 300-pound man who could not make his way out of a burning building Monday night.

Lawrence police said Officer Carl Farrington and Deputy Fire Chief John McGinnins ran into the home and carried the man down a flight of stairs and then outside to safety.

The victim was in serious condition, police said. Farrington was reportedly treated for smoke inhalation.

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MBTA crime

Man suspected of lewd act on commuter rail

Transit Police on Tuesday released a photograph of a man accused of masturbating while aboard the Newburyport/Rockport commuter rail line earlier this month.

The suspect, described as a white male with a slim build, allegedly committed the lewd act while on an inbound train from Rockport Station around 8 p.m. on Jan. 18. He is believed to have boarded the train at Gloucester or West Gloucester Station and disembarked at Beverly or Swampscott Station.

The suspect / TRANSIT POLICE

The MBTA is urging passengers to speak up if they witness sexually inappropriate activity. **MORGAN ROUSSEAU**

Healthy Hub. City nets grant for health care fees

The Boston Public Health Commission has been awarded nearly $250,000 in state funds to help reduce local health care costs through prevention and improved chronic disease care.

The health commission and its community partners will use the grant to address hypertension, pediatric asthma and elder falls in Roxbury and North Dorchester, where residents are burdened by some of the state's most substantial health inequities.

The state Department of Public Health awarded the grants to 10 recipients statewide. **MORGAN ROUSSEAU**

Red Cross

Recovering TPD cop to attend blood drive

Richard "Dic" Donohue, the transit officer who was injured in a shootout with Boston Marathon bombing suspects, will appear at a Pint for a Pound blood drive Thursday at the Dedham Blood Donation Center.

Donators will get vouchers for a free pound of Dunkin' Donuts coffee and a Wachusett Mountain lift ticket. METRO

Good grades

Graduation rate improves

The Department of Education reported the state's graduation rate improved for the seventh consecutive year in 2013, with 85 percent of students who entered as ninth graders graduating within four years. METRO

Music festival

Bastille, Death Cab to play Boston Calling

The third installment of the Boston Calling music festival will feature bands including Bastille, Jack Johnson, Modest Mouse and Death Cab for Cutie.

Boston Calling officially announced its 22-act lineup Tuesday morning.

The City Hall Plaza festival, scheduled for May 23-25, will take place over three days for the first time.

Besides the headliners, "an additional superstar" will be announced in the coming weeks.

Additional acts include: Edward Sharpe and the Magnetic Zeros, Brand New, The Head and the Heart, Tegan and Sara, Jenny Lewis, Frank Turner and the Sleeping Souls, The Neighbourhood, Phosphorescent, Built to Spill, tigermanWOAH! and Magic Man. METRO

MBTA employee snapped while sleeping on the job

Investigation. A passenger at Park Street station shared a pic with the public.

An MBTA employee is being investigated after a passenger photographed him apparently sleeping on the job.

"MBTA is this what y'all raised fare for?" said @DaKidYouSleptOn, who posted the picture on Twitter late Monday night.

The employee, a 27-year veteran of the MBTA, appears to have his head slumped and face hidden by a hat as he sits in a booth at the Park Street station.

MBTA spokesman Joe Pesaturo said the unidentified employee has been removed from duty while T supervisors look into "the unprofessional conduct depicted in the photo."

It is not the first time a T worker has been accused of sleeping on the job.

In November 2012, a Green Line conductor fell asleep at the helm of a trolley as it passed through Boylston Station, crashing into the rear of another trolley.

Several passengers were injured and taken to the hospital, and the employee was fired. It was revealed he had a second job, and had worked a double shift before the crash.

The employee was manning a booth at Park Street station. / @DAKIDYOUSLEPTON/TWITTER

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Twitter users torn

Here is what some people in the Twitterverse were saying about the controversial photo Tuesday:

- "...does it matter if one is asleep at the switch if the switch is not functioning? sleep sensors are cheap" @SHYDUROFF
- "...you have got to be joking. of course it matters that he's sleeping...the mbta has nothing better to spend money on than to pay some d--- who spends his workday sleeping" @ANNAFELLOFF
- "Lets say he was sleeping. Not proven, but lets say. Why not attempt to wake him up? Why take a pic?" @BOSTONSCOTT1090

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Florida man who tricked girlfriend to take abortion pill gets 13 years

A Florida man who admitted to tricking his pregnant girlfriend into taking pills known to cause abortion has been ordered to serve more than 13 years in federal prison and to pay her about $28,500 in restitution.

John Andrew Welden, 29, was sentenced on Monday after pleading guilty in September to charges of tampering with a consumer product resulting in bodily injury and conspiracy to commit mail fraud. REUTERS

Mykola Azarov

Ukraine PM resigns amid unrest, parliament revokes anti-protest laws

Ukrainian Prime Minister Mykola Azarov resigned on Tuesday while deputies loyal to President Viktor Yanukovich, acting to calm violent street protests, back-tracked and overturned anti-protest laws they rammed through parliament 12 days ago.

The first real concessions by Yanukovich since the crisis erupted two months ago brought cheers from several thousand demonstrators on Kiev's Independence Square, the focal point of the protests. REUTERS

Kitchen knife attack

17-year-old shot, taken into custody at Honolulu high school

A 17-year-old boy was shot in the wrist at a Honolulu high school on Tuesday morning in an incident local media reported had involved police who were trying to apprehend him.

Officials confirmed that a shooting had taken place and that the teen had been taken into custody, but could not immediately confirm reports that officers had been involved in the shooting and that the teen was a runaway.

"I can confirm that there was a shooting on campus," said Shayne Enright, a spokeswoman for Honolulu's Emergency Medical Services Division. REUTERS

State of the Union. Go-it-alone President talks minimum wage hike, immigration

President Barack Obama vowed on Tuesday to bypass a divided Congress and take action on his own to bolster America's middle class in a State of the Union speech that he used to try to breathe new life into his second term after a troubled year.

Standing in the House of Representatives chamber before lawmakers, Supreme Court justices and VIP guests, Obama declared his independence from Congress by issuing a raft of executive orders — a move likely to inflame already tense relations between the Democratic president and Republicans.

Obama's actions, while relatively modest, collectively amounted to a expression of frustration at the pace of legislative action with Republicans who control the House of Representatives and are able to slow the president's agenda.

Obama's orders included a wage hike for federal contract workers and creation of a "starter savings account" to help millions of people save for retirement.

President Obama / GETTY IMAGES

Minimum wage

$10.10

Obama announced that he is issuing an executive order to raise the minimum wage to $10.10 an hour for federal contract workers with new contracts.

"I'm eager to work with all of you," Obama said. "But America does not stand still — and neither will I. So wherever and whenever I can take steps without legislation to expand opportunity for more American families, that's what I'm going to do."

Obama's strategy means he has scaled back ambitions for large legislative actions and wants to focus more on small-bore initiatives that can reduce income inequality and create more opportunities for middle class workers.

Obama defended his controversial health care law, whose troubled rollout last October rocked his presidency and sent his job approval ratings tumbling to around 40 percent.

"I don't expect to convince my Republican friends on the merits of this law," Obama said. "But I know that the American people aren't interested in refighting old battles." On one of his biggest priorities, immigration reform, Obama urged Congress to work together on an overhaul, but he held his fire on the issue, with signs of possible progress developing in recent days among House Republicans. REUTERS

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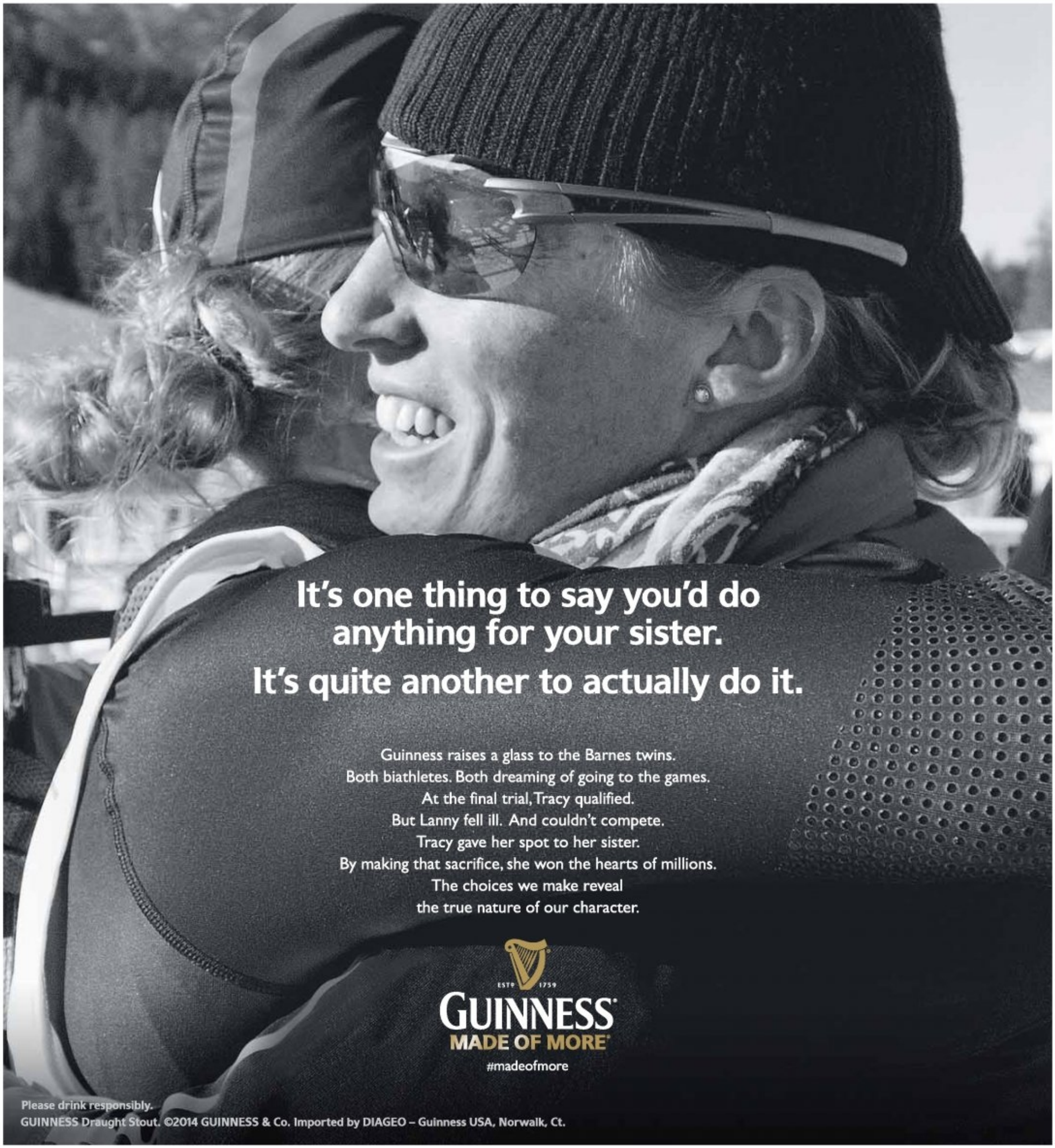
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THE WORD

Dorothy Robinson takes on the world of gossip.

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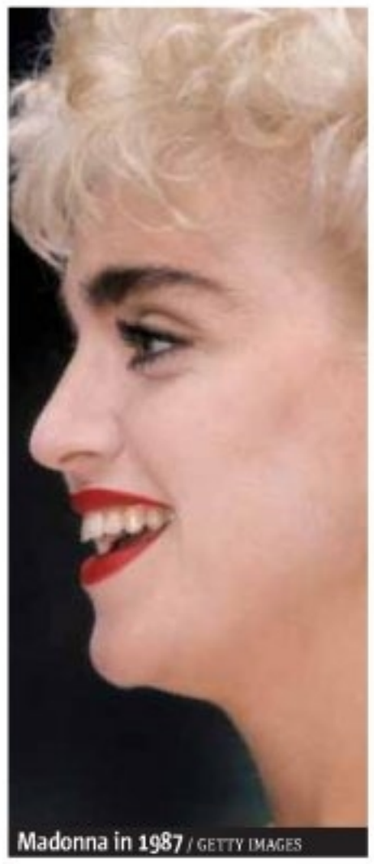
Oprah turns the big 6-0

"And YOU get an AARP card, and YOU get an AARP card, and YOU and YOU!" We normally don't devote a lot of editorial space to celebrity birthdays but this is a biggie: Oprah Winfrey turns 60 today. This shot from 1978 is from her time hosting the television show "People Are Talking."

Is Madonna going to perform with Cyrus?

Miley now. / GETTY IMAGES



Madonna in 1987 / GETTY IMAGES

I've been saying for some time now that the reason for Miley Cyrus' aggressive sexuality and sexy space alien look is that she's trying to be our generation's Madonna. However, I never expected that this would endear her to the original Madonna, who has shown no inclination to pass the torch of Madonnaing. It's possible, though, that I was wrong about that: The two are apparently planning a peformance together.

Miley is working on an acoustic set for MTV's "Unplugged." It seems like a good move for the "Bangerz" star: She's got the fame, now she needs the cred that comes from a vocal-driven, stripped-down set with no midgets to spank or foam fingers to hump. And speaking of cred — according to E! Online, rumor has it that the Material Girl herself will stop by to perform with Miley.

See more at www.metro.us

The two were reportedly spotted rehearsing together, but MTV hasn't confirmed Madonna's appearance. "The performance will showcase a more intimate side of Cyrus and feature surprise guests for an unexpected reinvention of the songs that have defined her career, including several from her No. 1 critically acclaimed album, 'Bangerz,'" MTV said in a press release.

What do you think they'll sing? I feel like Miley could do a mean "Material Girl."

MELINDA TAUB

Talking points

No more nudity for Benson

Ashley Benson did some fairly revealing work in "Spring Breakers" last year, but don't expect to see much more of the "Pretty Little Liars" star on-screen. "I never want to do nudity that's gratuitous. Girls look so much better in lingerie or a T-shirt and leave the rest up to the imagination," she tells Cosmopolitan magazine.

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In good company

Interview. "Labor Day" director Jason Reitman blames his success on his leading actresses.

Jason Reitman's fifth film is the lit adaptation "Labor Day."
GETTY IMAGES

In addition to working with Diablo Cody on "Juno" and "Young Adult," Jason Reitman has directed the novels of Christopher Buckley ("Thank You for Smoking") and Walter Kirn ("Up in the Air"). For "Labor Day," he took on Joyce Maynard's book about an escaped convict (Josh Brolin) who takes a single mother (Kate Winslet) hostage over a long holiday weekend. To hear Reitman tell it, his success as a director is all thanks to his leading ladies.

How did you approach adapting the novel?
The narrative follows the book so carefully. I was trying to recreate how the book made me feel. The book is told so beautifully, it's so emotional, and I had such an immediate reaction to it that I wanted to create a cinematic experience that mirrored the book. I wanted to tell a story all the way to the end and leave people with a sense of romance. You can't always punch people in the ribs. Not every time.

You're developing quite a track record of working with actresses.
Frankly, I've just been very lucky, you know? To have worked with Maria Bello, Ellen Page, Vera Farmiga, Anna Kendrick, Charlize Theron and now Kate Winslet? I mean, it's an unreal group. I'm lucky that they've chosen to work with me. It's wonderful. It makes me look better than I am. That's the truth. In their hands, it makes me look like a decent director.

You could try to go out and make a movie...
With the worst actors possible? Given the option of working with brilliant people... yeah, I'll continue to do that. I find that I know when they're right when it just seems honest and real. When I'm watching an audition, whether it's for a lead or the tiniest part, do they make the words seem honest? It's not if it's funny, it's not if it's dramatic, it's not if it's moving. It's just, does my bulls— detector go off?

Casting challenge

Was that honesty there with your young star, Gattlin Griffith?
We looked at a lot of young men, and he came in and it was just instantaneous. It's those eyes. The whole movie is his point of view looking at the world — watching this man, watching his mother, trying to figure out what they're doing, trying to figure out his own sexuality. He could do everything without talking, and that's what I needed.

And you found a remarkably accurate look-alike for young Josh Brolin for the flashbacks.
Tom Lipinski looks exactly like Josh Brolin. My girlfriend at the time said, "When he heard you were casting this movie, he must have shot in his pants." [Laughs] Use that in your paper.

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The chemistry between the two leads in "Venus in Fur" is what sells it all. T. CHARLES ERICKSON

No need to dress up this 'Venus'

Review. Huntington Theatre's new play within a play sizzles all on its own.

"Venus in Fur" is sexually charged, to be sure, but it's the power struggle that lies beneath the erotica that makes this searing Huntington Theatre Company production so compelling.

It all begins innocently enough when Vanda, a dim-witted actress, arrives so late for an audition that only Thomas, the playwright-cum-director, is left in the rehearsal space. After engaging in some witty banter that perfectly captures the challenging lifestyle of a working stage actor, the aspiring thespian convinces the director to let her read for the lead in the upcoming adaptation of Leopold von Sacher-Masoch's "Venus in Furs."

And so begins a psychologically torturous game of cat and mouse. Lines are crossed and boundaries violated as the power changes hands, again and again, between the two and they carry on a twisted, steamy liaison.

Much of what makes this production so fascinating is that most of the battle is waged as the characters read from their parts in the play within the play.

As Vanda, Andrea Syglowski masterfully shifts between her two roles with expert timing that yields much-needed laughter in the midst of the increasingly heated exchanges. Her ability to switch from childlike vulnerability to sex-pot dominance, on a dime, is disturbingly sociopathic — in the best possible way.

As Thomas, Chris Kipiniak proves her estimable match on their erotically charged roller coaster ride. While he flip-flops from dom to sub, and back again (with exhausting authenticity), some of his finest moments come at the top of the play, when he's flatly reading lines with his excellent scene partner. This is no easy feat.

No it's dressed up (leather, lace and a dog collar, for just a few examples), "Venus in Fur" works, first and foremost, because of the extraordinary chemistry between the two actors.

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'The Super Bowl's Greatest Commercials 2014'

Despite the somewhat confusing title, this is not a presentation of the best yet-to-be-seen commercials of this year's Super Bowl (though they will be airing some sneak peeks). Rather, it's a look back at the best of the best commercials of Super Bowls past. If we're being honest, that's the best part of the Super Bowl anyway. **8 P.M., CBS**

2006's Budweiser "super fan" commercial featured a streaking sheep. / CBS BROADCASTING INC.

REALITY

'Wahlburgers'

Guess who's coming to dinner? It's Jenny McCarthy, who is now dating Donnie and meeting his mom for the first time. We kind of liked her with Jim Carrey — another celeb couple we thought might go the distance but bit the dust. If they can't make it, can she and Donnie? (Probably not.) **10:30 P.M., A&E**

DRAMA

'Fleming: The Man Who Would Be Bond'

This is a new mini-series about Fleming, Ian Fleming. He's the dude who created one of the most iconic leading men of all time: James Bond. Turns out, Fleming was pretty cool himself.

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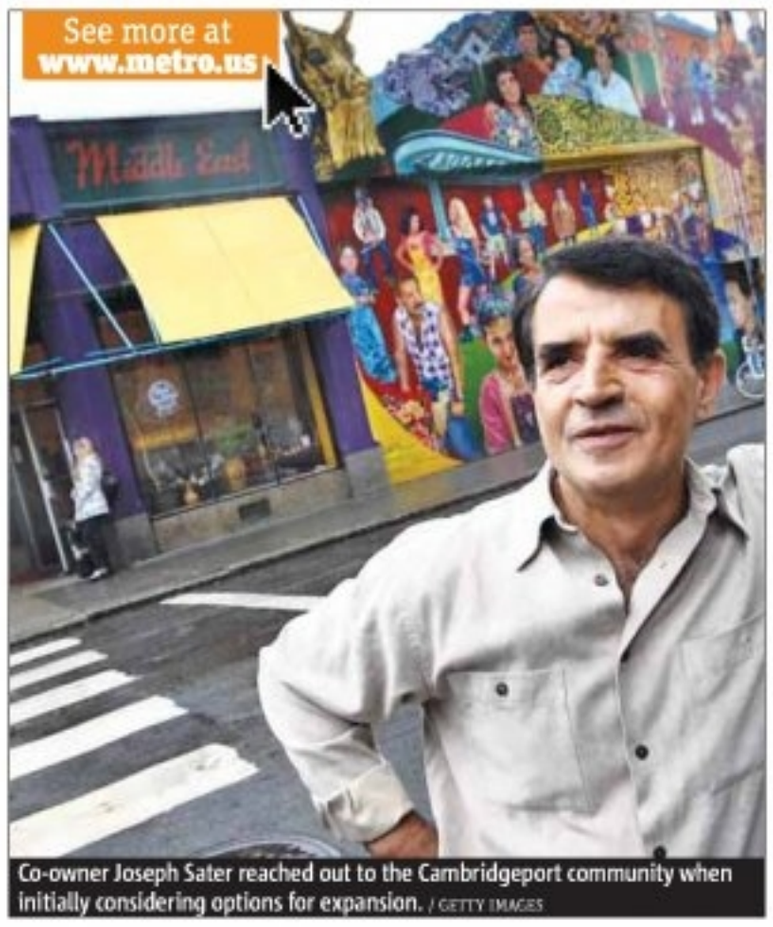

Co-owner Joseph Sater reached out to the Cambridgeport community when initially considering options for expansion. / GETTY IMAGES

Expansion. What does the nightclub's development mean for Central Square?

When it came to planning the new development proposal that would add 100 homes atop the Middle East in Central Square, owners Joseph and Nabil Sater crowdsourced. That is, they held old-fashioned town meetings for residents and other business owners to give input on an expansion that would dramatically alter the iconic stretch of Massachusetts Avenue where this restaurant and nightclub complex has operated for 40 years.

One thing on the community's must-have list is more affordable housing — 20 percent instead of the standard 10 percent of space designated to most new developments. "They want solar energy and they want more space to live in, too," Joseph Sater says. "They also want a garden on the roof, a community garden to grow vegetables."

Rooftop vegetable growing is around four or even five years away, Sater estimates. But the basic plan is set and the ground floor — Middle East Upstairs and Downstairs, ZuZu and the bakery — will remain as-is and open throughout the process. The second floor will serve as a public space where new tenants, like galleries, will act as noise buffers between the residences upstairs and the clubs below. Once a compatible developer is found, the project will move to the city-permitting phase.

With the community behind the project, Sater hopes for fewer headaches down the line.

"We don't want to upset any of our neighbors or the other businesses in the area. We say 'good morning' to these people. We don't want them to be uncomfortable with any of this. The Cambridgeport community is home for us," he explains.

Another headache they hope to avoid is increased congestion in the already traffic-choked Central Square. "We want to work out a way with the city to provide scooters or bikes," says Sater. "We don't want residents to bring in cars. The Red Line is a minute away. People don't want more cars."

The Saters have already put a toe in development waters, turning a disused armory in Somerville into a community and arts center. Sater chuckles dryly, because that project was tiny compared to this. So why take on such a huge challenge?

"We had no choice: The property owner died and the estate wanted to sell. Another developer would have torn the whole place down. We aren't ready to retire and close the Middle East."

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"On those days when I'm on the edge of, 'Do I work out or don't I work out?' it does influence me," says Ryan Mattek, a runner, about the Jawbone UP. "I treat it as a lifestyle tracker, as opposed to a fitness tracker, because I use a lot of its extra features." / PROVIDED

Numbers game.
Fitness trackers can be a big inspiration, but should be used as a tool and not a crutch.

The gym rats have gone gadget-happy, with a slew of devices that measure, track and analyze workouts. And the latest generation of products, wristbands like the FitBit Force and the Jawbone Up24, go beyond the gym with features that measure wearers' sleep cycles.

For folks looking to lose a few pounds, celebrity trainer Kira Stokes says fitness trackers can be a huge help, but she also warns that they should support and reinforce a healthy lifestyle — not rule it. "Whether your goal is to burn a certain number of calories a day or walk a certain number of steps, for people who need that extra motivation, they're definitely helpful," Stokes says. "But it's not 100 percent accurate, so you have to take the knowledge that they're giving you with a grain of salt."

Inaccuracies and flaws are part of the game as technology companies of all types try to cash in on the latest fitness craze. FitBit has come under fire after users reported allergic reactions to the material of its FitBit Force wristband, and a 2013 study from the American College of Sports Medicine showed that several tracker models and brands did not accurately measure calories burned in mid-level strenuous activities like cleaning or standing. Cycling, as well, is not registered by many of the wristband fitness trackers, according to the (relatively scant) research that has been done on the devices.

The only real way to make sure you're getting enough exercise is pretty simple: Move often. And, as Stokes points out, make sure the tech you use to do that is a tool, and not something you rely on.

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Move it

The right rewards

Indiana University found that subjects wearing fitness trackers walked 16 percent more steps than a control group and lost weight. Seeing the steps one takes is a major incentive, but Stokes says that it's important not to reward yourself with extra food.

Polar wristband

Polar was the first widely used heart rate monitor, which makes it popular, in particular with athletes already using its apps and online tools. This wristband is also waterproof (as opposed to water-resistant).

Nike+ Fuelband

The Nike+ Fuelband has many features other fitness trackers lack, including a screen that tracks pace, distance, time and calories. For heart rate tracking, athletes must wear the Polar Wearlink+, a chest strap.

FitBit Force

Though some people have reported skin irritations, the FitBit Force has a screen and sleek design, and it allows users to track their food consumption with an accompanying app.

Horoscope

Aquarius | Jan. 21-Feb 18. Avoid having secret affairs or getting sucked in to dealing with other people's problems. You should work quietly tucked away somewhere — preferably in the privacy of your home.

Pisces | Feb. 19-March 20. Co-workers may be unusually challenging to deal with today. Don't be naive. Someone you'd never suspect may be after your job.

Aries | March 21-April 20. Travel or educational pursuits will foster romantic opportunities. You will be in the mood to get out and socialize with friends. Mental stimulation will be important to you.

Taurus | April 21-May 21. Minor health problems will arise if you haven't taken the necessary precautions. Do not get involved in joint financial endeavors, and avoid lending money to friends or relatives.

Gemini | May 22-June 20. Travel and romance will go together perfectly. You will enjoy unfamiliar destinations that will further amplify the sentimental mood that is overtaking you.

Cancer | June 21-July 22. Take advantage of any business opportunities that are available to you. You can make professional changes now if you so desire. Your attitude will improve your chances for advancement.

Leo | July 23-Aug. 22. Romantic opportunities will develop if you attend a social event. You stand to gain financially by participating in a group venture.

Virgo | Aug. 23-Sept. 22. New love connections will develop through friends or relatives. Completing a home decorating project will yield wonderful results.

Libra | Sept. 23-Oct. 22. Special relationships will evolve through pleasure trips or participating in sports activities. You will feel passionate and be capable of using your charm to get whatever you may want.

Scorpio | Oct. 23-Nov. 21. Your innovative moneymaking ideas may well pay off. You will approach your pursuits with creativity. Refrain from going overboard spending on your lover. Instead, invest your money into your own business.

Sagittarius | Nov. 22-Dec. 21. You may be confounded by the state of your finances all of a sudden. Avoid spending money on any unnecessary items. Unanticipated bills may crop up and surprise you.

Capricorn | Dec. 22-Jan 20. Self-deception may cause problems. Reflect carefully on a situation that you may be misjudging. One-sided infatuations are evident. BERNICE BEDE OSOL

Letters

Of pregnancies and programs

Re: 'You're not metal, madam' (Metro, Jan. 28) It might come as a surprise to letter writer Pasquale G. Tato that most pregnant women do not even consider whether or not they "consent" for the baby to be inside them. Mr. Tato, you once were "feed(ing) off (another) person's blood" and were trespassing (my obnoxious claim this time, yours are quoted) inside your mother's womb. Here is where your thinking it lopsided. Pro-lifers believe women are not machines where you can simply terminate the application because of a bad situation or poor timing. Consent is a foregone conclusion by the time of pregnancy; consent occurred at the time of conception. Unless a crime occurred, the mother has given consent. It is you, Pasquale, who believes women are machines, not the pro-life community.
KEVIN METZ, VIA EMAIL

Tato seems to think that unborn children are bloodsuckers. Is this the society we live in, where unborn children are the enemies and we can dispose of them as we see fit? I guess we no longer need to be responsible and use protection, but instead get rid of the problem.
DELENE PRATT, VIA EMAIL

NSA is in all the things

The NSA will never desist its spying domestically or internationally. There are too many intricate connections and parts that are spawned globally, and it has a great hegemony in place. The NSA is a clandestine super-conglomerate that coalesces with tech, social media corporations and bankers. Any corporation that is not compliant will be dealt with accordingly. In essence, the NSA is not about catching terror plots, but you have to admit it is an excellent facade for American hypocrisy.
CALVIN DAVIS, VIA EMAIL

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18 Sask. neighbor
19 Herr's refusal
20 Drop— — line
21 Aerobics exercise (2 wds.)
24 Posh hotel lobbies
26 Mall booths
27 Vitamin monitors
28 Tizzies
30 Faux pas
33 Zoologist's study
34 Shaggy beast
37 Grand Ole —
38 Auctioneer's word
39 Pith helmet
40 "Shogun" apparel
41 Carpenter's supply
42 Manhandled
43 Rats on
44 Keystone Konstable
45 Flop down
48 Nullifies
52 Abrupt change (2 wds.)
55 Kind of instinct
56 Go — — smoke
57 Marinate
58 Corporate concern
60 Nave neighbor
61 Roof overhang
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64 Linger
65 Migratory flocks

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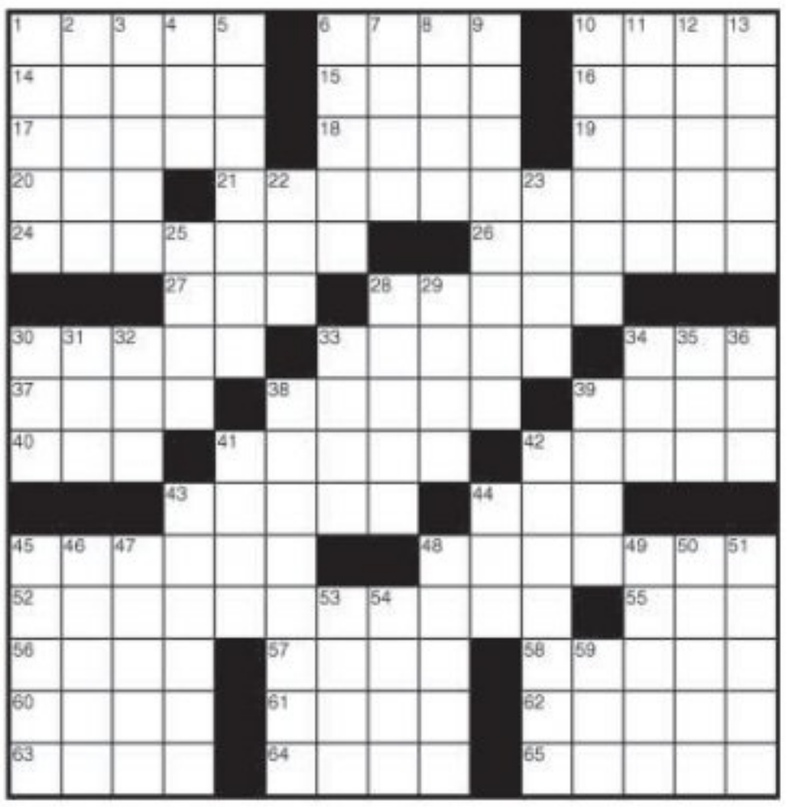

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Super Bowl bettor's guide

We take a look at some good bets, wacky bets and old favorites to put some money on — recreationally speaking.

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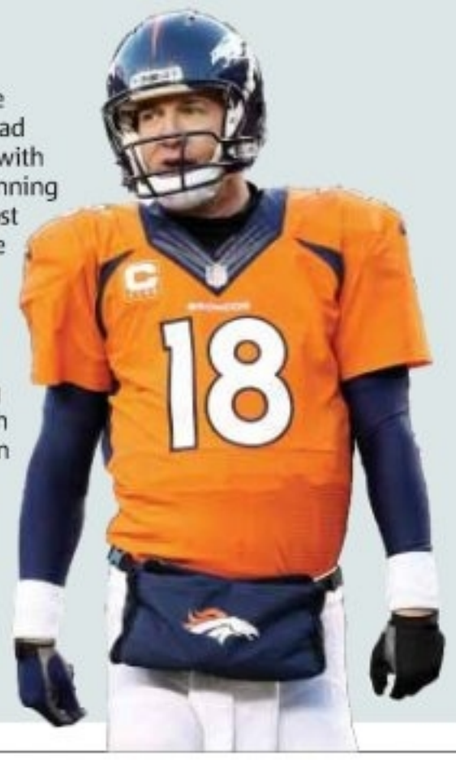
Broncos (-3)



Historically, favorites are 26-19-2 against the spread in the Super Bowl. And with quarterback Peyton Manning leading the league's most potent offense, even the Seahawks' top-ranked passing defense will struggle to stop the new single-season touchdown and passing yards leader. We go with experience over youth in the big game.
The pick: Broncos to cover.

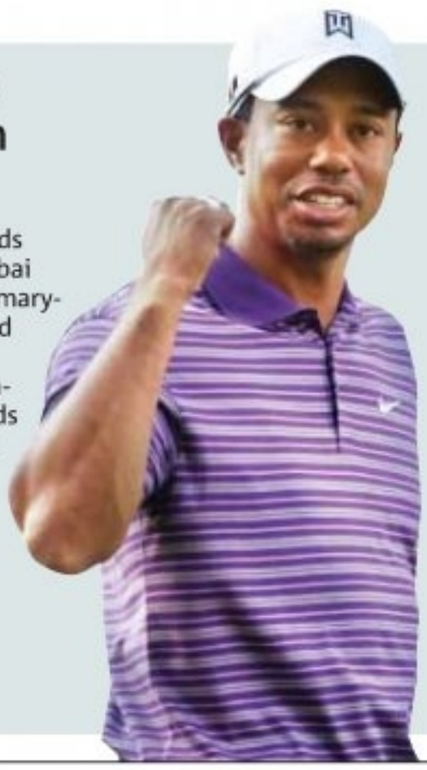
-3

Eli Manning to be shown 1.5 times

Here is a no-brainer. Peyton Manning is playing for a Super Bowl title in brother Eli's house.
The pick: Eli will be shown a dozen times in the Manning family luxury box.

1.5

Thomas will have more catches than Woods birdies



Even though Tiger Woods has won the Omega Dubai Desert Classic twice, Demaryius Thomas has averaged about six catches per game this season, meaning the struggling Woods would need to shoot at least a 66 in the final round Sunday prior to kickoff.
The pick: Thomas has more.

6

A scoreless quarter

The Seahawks have one of the league's top-rated defenses. It is also pretty likely that for one 15-minute period, perhaps the first quarter, both teams struggle to get a feel for the frigid MetLife Stadium conditions.

Yes, we're going with the over and a scoreless quarter.
The pick: There will be a scoreless quarter.

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Renee Fleming wears gloves, sings over 2:25

There are many National Anthem prop bets, like over/under 2:25 for the length of the anthem — we go with the over, she's an opera singer

after all — but with temperatures near freezing, it is a safe wager singer Renee Fleming will have gloves on her hands.
The pick: Bundle up.

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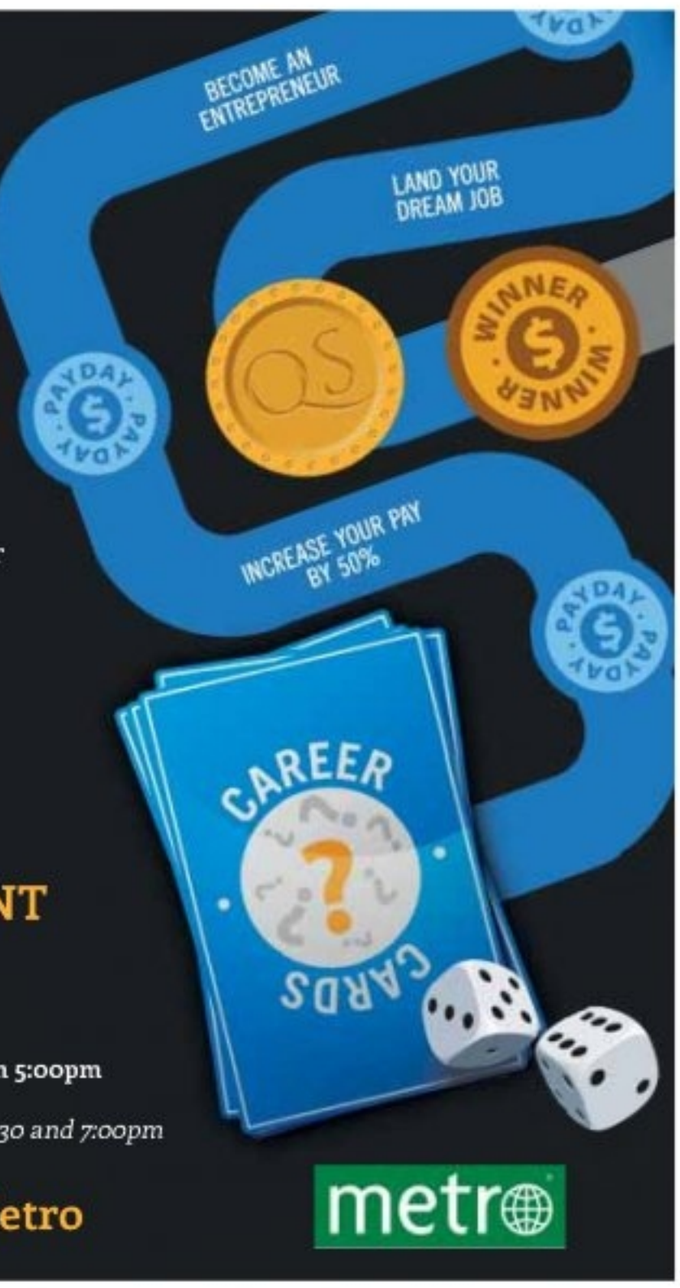

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NBA power rankings | by James Toscano

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Pacers (34-9)

The Pacers have allowed 100-plus points in their last three games, which is uncharacteristic of them. But the fact that it's news says a lot about how strong they've been defensively all season long. Mainstream America might not know who these guys are yet — the Pacers don't get that coveted Sunday afternoon slot on ABC at all — but hoop heads are smitten.

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No. 2

Thunder (36-10)

Make it 11 straight 30-point games for Kevin Durant, who will try to make it 12 in Miami on Wednesday night.

No. 3

Blazers (33-12)

The Blazers have fielded the same starting five for all 45 of their games this season. That's remarkable.

No. 4

Heat (32-12)

After missing four games with sore knees, Dwyane Wade returned Sunday in a win over the Spurs.

No. 5

Clippers (32-15)

The Clips finished 5-2 on their road trip. They've gotten by without Chris Paul better than many expected.

No. 6

Rockets (29-17)

Dwight Howard won't start in the All-Star Game since the NBA combined centers with forwards in the voting process.

No. 7

Spurs (33-11)

The narrative about the Spurs not being able to beat top teams is true. They fell to the Thunder and Heat recently.

No. 8

Warriors (27-18)

After a tough loss to Minnesota, the Warriors put on their Sunday best and crushed the Blazers, 103-88.

No. 9

Grizzlies (22-20)

The Griz have won seven of their last eight games, including back-to-back wins over the Rockets.

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WITNESS, Hon. Joan P Armstrong, First Justice of this Court.
Date January 09, 2014 — Patricia M Campatelli, Register of Probate

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Docket No SU14P0029EA
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
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Estate of: **Lingfeng Mei**
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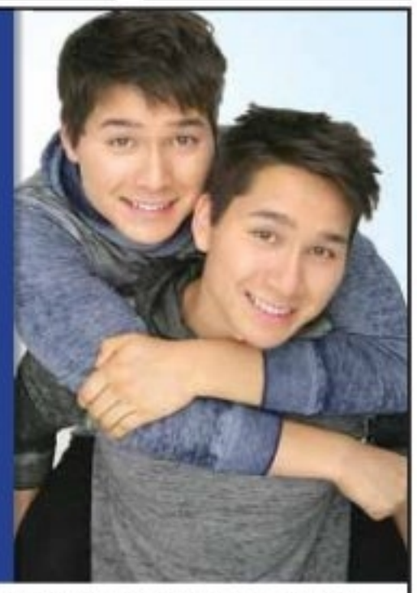

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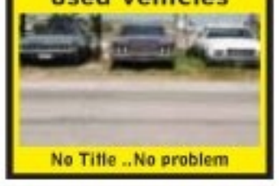

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